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of De Vries. A "kleine Art" is closely allied to some other species, differing from it in a very few particulars, while an undoubted species has more numerous and more definite points of distinction when contrasted with its relatives. For example, in the genus *Lophozia*, *L. porphyroleuca* (Nees) Schiffn. is described as a variety of *L. ventricosa* (Dicks.) Dumort., *L. longiflora* (Nees) Schiffn. is given as a "kleine Art" to be segregated from *L. ventricosa*, while such a species as *L. excisa* (Dicks.) Dumort. is regarded as undoubtedly distinct from *L. ventricosa*. Of course the conception of a species is largely subjective, and it must be admitted that the views advanced are based on definite principles, even if some of them can hardly meet with unqualified acceptance.

It is a pleasure to recommend Dr. Müller's book to students of the Hepaticæ. It is based on a first hand knowledge of the group, it gives evidence of prolonged and painstaking study, and the conclusions reached in doubtful cases are the result of sound and critical judgment.

ALEXANDER W. EVANS

[The work may be ordered from Eduard Kummer, Leipzig, Germany, at 33 Marks, 60 Pf.]

MEETING OF THE SULLIVANT MOSS SOCIETY

The eighth annual meeting of the Sullivant Moss Society was held in the Business High School building at Washington, D. C., on December 28th, in connection with the yearly meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The forenoon was devoted to arranging the various exhibits, and to a renewal of acquaintanceships, while the regular programme of papers was held in the afternoon. The following is a list of the various exhibits.

Miss C. C. Haynes and Mrs. Smith sent advance sheets of a check-list of the Hepatics of North America, soon to be issued by them. Mrs. Smith also sent a number of drawings, plates, and other articles illustrative of the work of the "BRYOLOGIST." Mr. George B. Kaiser and Mrs. Gadsby showed an extensive series of specimens, each mounted on a separate card and enclosed in a cover, designed to facilitate either exhibition or reference without damage to the specimen. Many of the specimens were accompanied by colored drawings, showing dissections of the various species.

Miss Carlotta H. Browne exhibited specimens of different species of the *Bartramiaceae*, illustrative of her paper on the genus *Bartramia*, and Mr. A. S. Foster contributed a suite of lichen specimens to accompany his article upon the *Stictae* of the Pacific Coast. Miss Lorenz also kindly forwarded a book containing original drawings of the various species of New England Hepatics, comprising a nearly complete representation of the species of that region. (158 of the 165 species.)

The formal programme opened at half past two o'clock, Dr. A. W. Evans presiding, and the following papers were presented.

1. The Biological Relations of Certain Lower Fungi, Prof. Bruce Fink.
2. A New *Frullania* from Florida, Dr. A. W. Evans.

3. Notes on the Polytricha, Prof. J. F. Collins.
4. Further Notes on Connecticut Mosses, Dr. G. E. Nichols.
5. Thomas Drummond: An Early American Collector, Mr. Edward B. Chamberlain.
6. The BRYOLOGIST, Dr. A. J. Grout.
7. Philippine Bryophytes and Lichens, Mr. C. B. Robinson.
8. A History of Bartramia, Miss C. H. Browne.
9. Leucodontopsis in Florida, Mrs. E. G. Britton.
10. Review of Loeske's "Studies in Comparative Morphology and Phylogenetic System of the Mosses, Prof. J. M. Holzman.
11. On the Occurrence of the Genus *Claopodium* in Europe, Mr. W. E. Nicholson.
12. Abnormality in Moss Leaves, Mr. H. N. Dixon.
13. The Stictae of the Northwest Coast, Mr. A. S. Foster.

The papers by Dr. Evans and Mr. Dixon were illustrated by line drawings, Miss Browne showed several interesting lantern slides in connection with the paper on *Bartramia*, while Prof. Collins accompanied his remarks by blackboard sketches of diagnostic features of the species mentioned.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, it became necessary to close the meeting before the conclusion of the programme, and several papers could be read by title only. It is suggested that in the future, to avoid this trouble, arrangements be made to begin the meetings in the forenoon. Furthermore, if exhibits could be in place on the day when the general meetings of the American Association open, so as to be accessible to visitors from other sections of the Association, much inexpensive and advantageous advertising of the work of the Society could be done.

EDWARD B. CHAMBERLAIN, Acting Secretary.

SULLIVANT MOSS SOCIETY NOTES

One hundred and sixty-seven names are listed in the January BRYOLOGIST. Of these, the following six have resigned during the two months: Mr. Harvey Bassler, Miss C. M. Carr, Miss Emily L. Croswell, Prof. E. R. Lake, Miss E. W. Rondthaler and Miss Wight.

Five new names are to be added: Rev. John Davis, 318 North 7th Street, Hannibal, Missouri, M. H.; Mr. H. H. Knight, The Lodge, All Saints Villas, Cheltenham, England, M. H.; Rev. A. E. Lehman, Scottsdale, Pa., M. H. L.; Mrs. M. B. Streeter, 113 Hooper Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., M.; Dr. F. Cavers, Pharmaceutical Society, Bloomsbury Square, London, W. C., England, M. H.

The bills have been sent out earlier in the year than usual owing to the fact that the amount of dues was inadvertently omitted from the cover of the January BRYOLOGIST. Dues are \$1.50 in United States, while all foreign countries, including Canada, require \$1.60. Ten cents extra for exchange on checks.